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Remarks

Claims 1-22 are currently pending. By this amendment, claims 1-3, 5, 7, 9-13, 15, 16, and 18-21 are amended. The claims have been amended to conform to US practice. No new matter has been added. Claim 21 has been amended to include all the limitations of independent product claim 1.

With respect to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute, with traverse, Group I, which corresponds to claims 1-20. Because independent process claim 21 includes all the limitations of independent product claim 1, that claims 1-22 form a general inventive concept. Although the motor described in claims 1-20 may be made by a different method than the method described in claim 21, Applicants respectfully submit that any prior art relevant to claims 1-20 would ultimately be relevant to claim 21, and vice versa. Claim 21 should therefore be examined with claims 1-20. Claim 22 depends from claim 21 and should also be examined.

In the event claims 21 and 22 are withdrawn, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of these claims if product claim 1 is found allowable.

In view of the foregoing, examination of claims 1-22 on the merits is respectfully requested. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation during normal business hours.

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